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CHAPTER 28:
NOTHING MISSING
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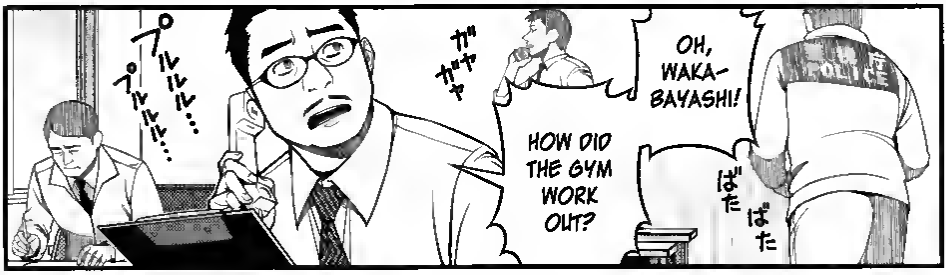
SIGN: MARIE-SAN INCIDENT INVESTIGATION CENTER

I'M BACK!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OH, WAKA-BAYASHI!
HOW DID THE GYM WORK OUT?
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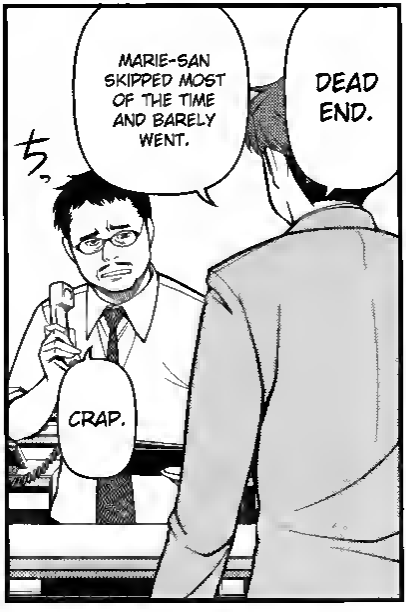
OH, HEY, IKEGAMI!
I THOUGHT WE'D GOTTEN A LEAD WHEN WE FOUND HER GYM MEMBER-SHIP CARD, BUT CHRIST...


DEAD END.
MARIE-SAN SKIPPED MOST OF THE TIME AND BARELY WENT.
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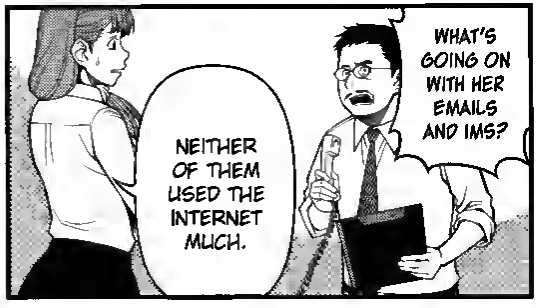
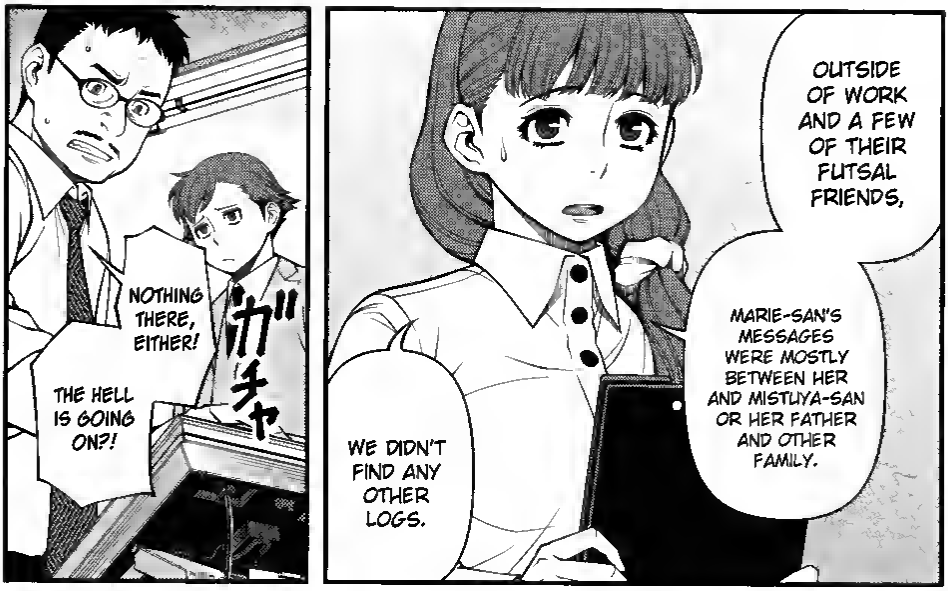
CRAP.


WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HER EMAILS AND IMS?
NEITHER OF THEM USED THE INTERNET MUCH.


NOTHING THERE, EITHER!
THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
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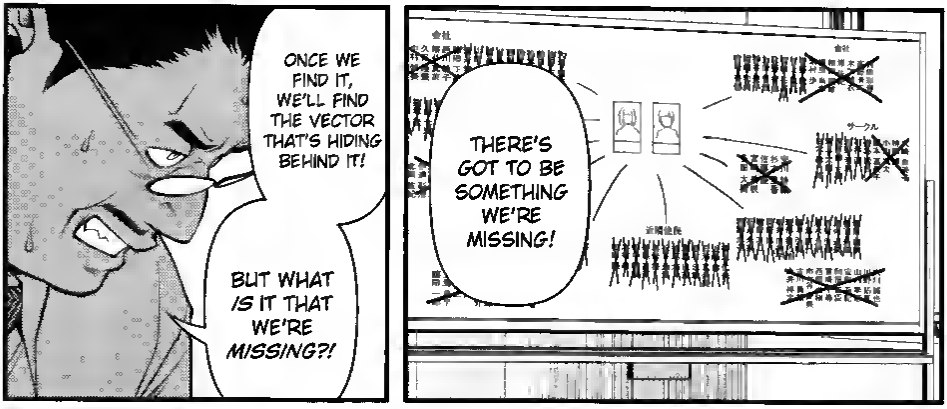
WE DIDN'T FIND ANY OTHER LOGS.
MARIE-SAN'S MESSAGES WERE MOSTLY BETWEEN HER AND MITSUYA-SAN OR HER FATHER AND OTHER FAMILY.
OUTSIDE OF WORK AND A FEW OF THEIR FUTSAL FRIENDS,


ONCE WE FIND IT, WE'LL FIND THE VECTOR THAT'S HIDING BEHIND IT!
BUT WHAT *IS* IT THAT WE'RE *MISSING*?!
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING WE'RE MISSING!

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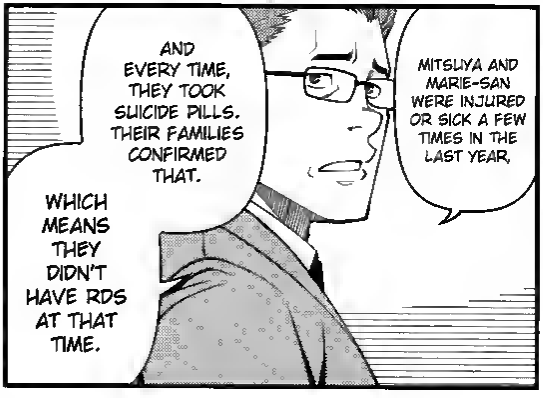
MITSUYA AND MARIE-SAN WERE INJURED OR SICK A FEW TIMES IN THE LAST YEAR.
AND EVERY TIME, THEY TOOK SUICIDE PILLS. THEIR FAMILIES CONFIRMED THAT.
WHICH MEANS THEY DIDN'T HAVE RDS AT THAT TIME.

SHOULD WE EXPAND THE INVESTIGATION TO THEIR CLASSMATES AND FORMER COWORKERS?
WE SHOULD BE ASKING IF WE EVEN WANT TO KEEP RANDOMLY EXPANDING THIS INVESTIGATION

THAT'S ENOUGH, WAKABA-YASHI!
STOP CHANGING THE FOCUS OF OUR INVESTI-GATION!
WE SHOULDN'T INVESTIGATE ANYONE THEY HAVEN'T HAD CONTACT WITH...
...IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.
I CAN SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.
RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GO OVER EVERYTHING ONE MORE TIME!
WE CAN'T CHANGE THINGS HALFWAY THROUGH, IT'LL JUST MAKE THINGS CONFUSING!
AND WHERE THE HELL IS KENZAKI?!
DON'T YOU TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME!
SURE, BUT WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING,
SO I THOUGHT CHANGING OUR FOCUS WOULD HELP.
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SORRY, I JUST GOT BACK MYSELF.
I'M NOT SURE WHERE THE CHIEF WENT.
WE'VE GOT EVERY SINGLE DETECTIVE WORKING ON THIS CASE,
SO WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE HERE FROM THE VECTOR UNIT?!

CHIEF!
WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU, KENZAKI?!
GET OVER HERE!
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I HAD SOME PHONE BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION!
DON'T JUST GO WANDERING OFF ON YOUR OWN!
AND WHILE I'M AT IT, YOU'RE ALWAYS...
WAKA-BAYASHI,
ANY DEVELOP-MENTS?
NOPE, NONE AT ALL.

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I SEE.
COME LET'S TALK.
HUH? OKAY.

GO ON! TELL THE VECTOR UNIT WHAT THEY NEED TO DO!
AH, RIGHT.
WE'RE CHECKING OVER EVERYTHING TO MAKE SURE WE HAVEN'T MISSED ANYTHING.

WAIT!
I'M NOT DONE TALKING!

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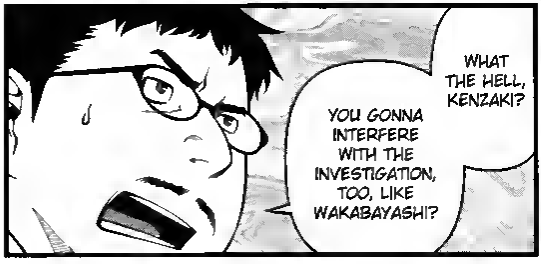
WHAT THE HELL, KENZAKI?
YOU GONNA INTERFERE WITH THE INVESTIGATION, TOO, LIKE WAKABAYASHI?

WE'D LIKE YOU TO GO SPEAK WITH THE MITSUYA'S NEIGHBORS AGAIN,
TO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING NEW.
NO POINT. DON'T BOTHER.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAKABAYASHI SAID OR DID,
BUT AS HEAD OF THIS INVESTIGATION, HERE ARE MY ORDERS.

THIS INVESTI-GATION IS NOW OVER.
I'M SHUTTING IT DOWN.

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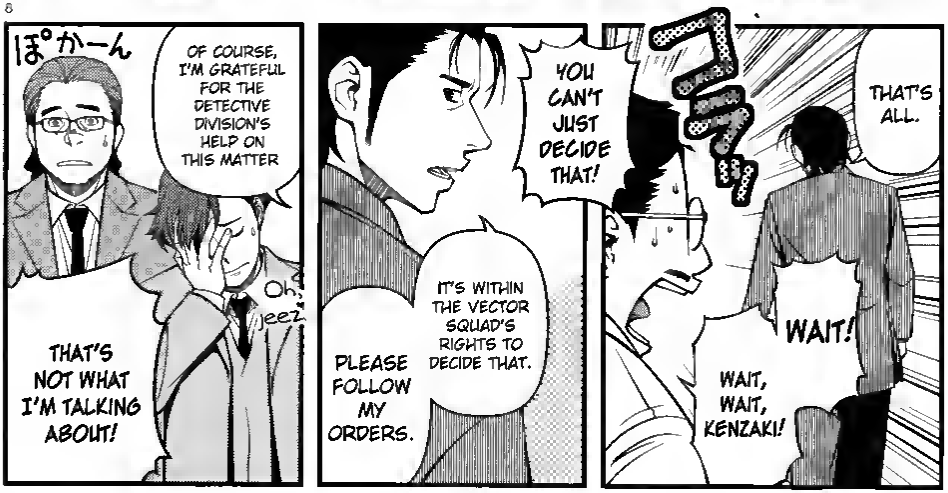
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OF COURSE, I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE DETECTIVE DIVISION'S HELP ON THIS MATTER
Oh, jeez
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!
YOU CAN'T JUST DECIDE THAT!
IT'S WITHIN THE VECTOR SQUAD'S RIGHTS TO DECIDE THAT.
PLEASE FOLLOW MY ORDERS.
THAT'S ALL.
WAIT!
WAIT, WAIT, KENZAKI!

I KNOW IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE,
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN GIVE UP SO EASILY!
THIS ISN'T JUST AN "INCIDENT!"
THEY DID THIS TO ONE OF OUR OWN!
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DON'T YOU GET THAT, KEN-ZAKI?!
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AND IF WE DON'T CHANGE THE WAY WE'RE CONDUCTING THIS INVES-TIGATION,
WE WON'T FIND ANYTHING.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO REALLY "GETS" THIS SITUATION.
OUT OF EVERY-ONE HERE,
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW,

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YOU FUCK-ING...
IF YOU STILL WANT TO GO ON LIKE THIS,
THEN YOU'RE NOT DOING THIS FOR THE FORCE. YOU'RE DOING IT TO MAKE YOURSELF FEEL BETTER.

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SORRY ABOUT HIM!
LOOKS LIKE HE JUST MADE THINGS A WHOLE LOT WORSE!
WE'LL BE BACK!
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OKAY!
OKAY, OKAY!

WHO THE HELL DO THOSE VECTOR BASTARDS THINK THEY ARE?!
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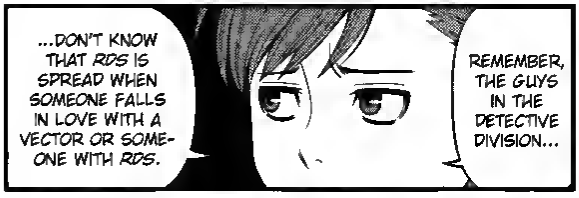
CHIEF KUSUNOGI'S CLOSE WITH SHIGE-SAN.
HE'S PUT MORE WORK INTO THAT INVESTIGATION THAN ANYONE.

THAT WAS *NOT* THE WAY YOU SHOULD'VE APPROACHED THAT, SIR.

STILL, YOU'RE RIGHT,
WE REALLY AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE AT THIS RATE.
REALLY?

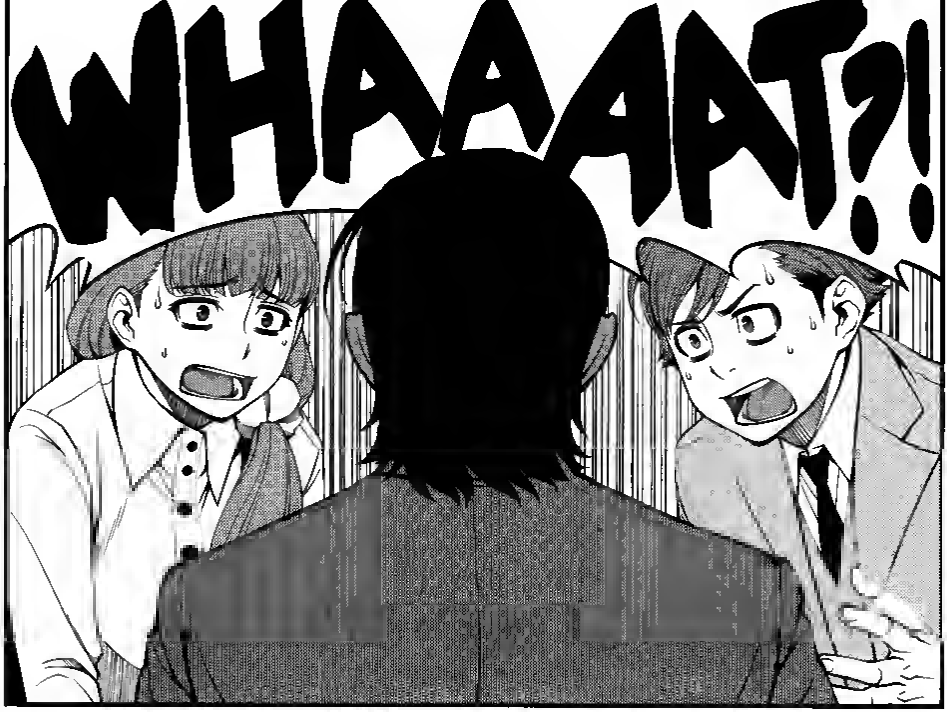

REMEMBER, THE GUYS IN THE DETECTIVE DIVISION...
...DON'T KNOW THAT *RDS* IS SPREAD WHEN SOMEONE FALLS IN LOVE WITH A VECTOR OR SOMEONE WITH *RDS*.

NOWADAYS PEOPLE OUR AGE WILL CALL, TEXT, OR MESSAGE THE PERSON THEY'RE DATING, RIGHT?
WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE OF THAT, SO WE'RE KINDA OUT OF LUCK.
OH, I SEE.

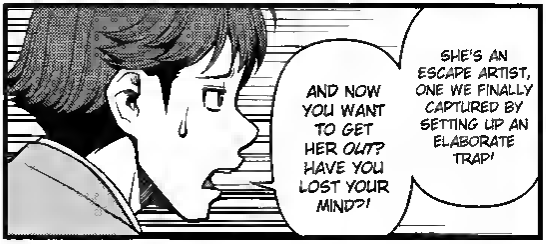
THE VECTOR SQUAD HAS A NEW TASK THAT TAKES PRIORITY.

I THINK WE NEED TO REWORK OUR INVESTIGATION,
BUT GOING STRAIGHT TO CANCELLING THE WHOLE THING IS KINDA JUMPING THE GUN, DON'T YOU THINK?

...OUT OF COLD STORAGE.
WE NEED TO GET RIN KAZAMA...


WHAAAAT?!

WHOA HO HO, NOW *THIS* IS SOME CRAZY TALK!
SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET PAST THEM?
UNDO WOULD NEVER LET US DO IT.


AND NOW YOU WANT TO GET HER *OUT*? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!
SHE'S AN ESCAPE ARTIST, ONE WE FINALLY CAPTURED BY SETTING UP AN ELABORATE TRAP!

IT'S--
RING RING
I DON'T NEED YOUR APPROVAL.

HOLD IT, CHIEF.
LOL
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE CALLING OFF THE INVESTIGATION?
I JUST CAN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND THAT.
COLD STORAGE? THAT'S WHERE RIN-CHAN IS FROZEN IN LIQUID NITROGEN, RIGHT?
AND *UNDO* IS OKAY WITH THIS?

SHIGE-SAN?
I'M SORRY HE'S CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE FOR YOU.
WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
SHIGE-MATSU?
HELLO?
YES, THIS IS KENZAKI.
YES. ...WHAT?
...WAIT, WHY IS SHIGE-SAN AT AN UNDO BASE?!
FUCK IF I KNOW! HE'S UNDER HOUSE ARREST, WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?!
Y-YES, SIR!
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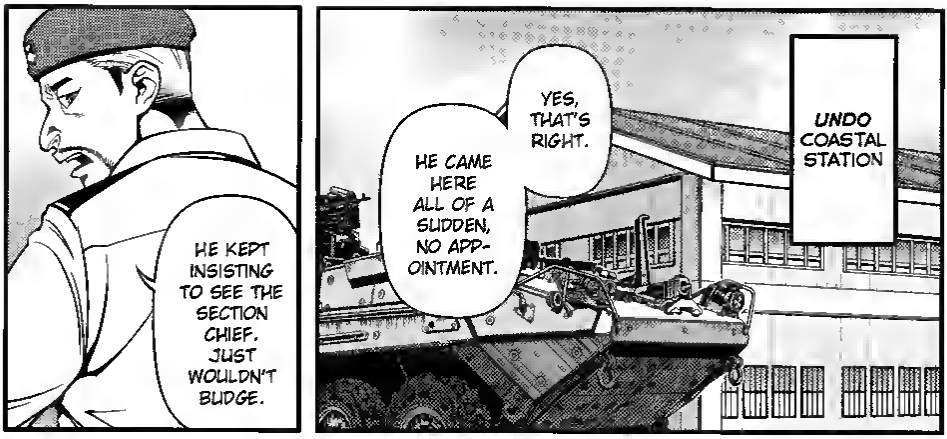
WAKA-BAYASHI! GET THE CAR!
WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE UNDO COASTAL STATION!
I SAID I'D HELP THEM OUT...
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE.
DON'T TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU HEARD HERE!
IF SOMEONE ASKS WHERE WE ARE, JUST MAKE SOMETHING UP!
ALRIGHT!


HE KEPT INSISTING TO SEE THE SECTION CHIEF. JUST WOULDN'T BUDGE.
UNDO COASTAL STATION
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
HE CAME HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN, NO APP-OINTMENT.

WE CAN'T GET HIM TO LEAVE.
I HOPE SO.
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE.
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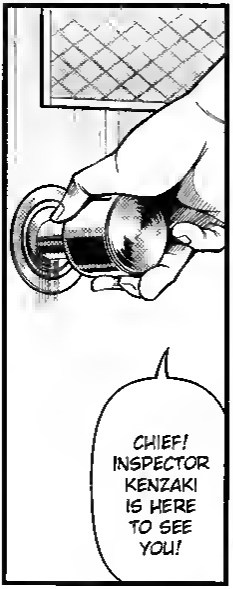
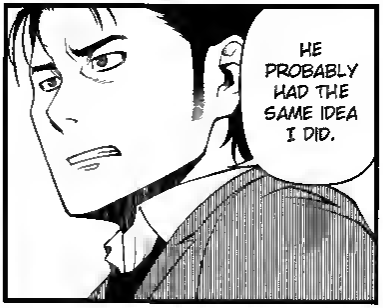

CHIEF! INSPECTOR KENZAKI IS HERE TO SEE YOU!

HE'S IN HERE.

THIS ISN'T LIKE HIM.
WHAT'S GOING ON?


HE PROBABLY HAD THE SAME IDEA I DID.

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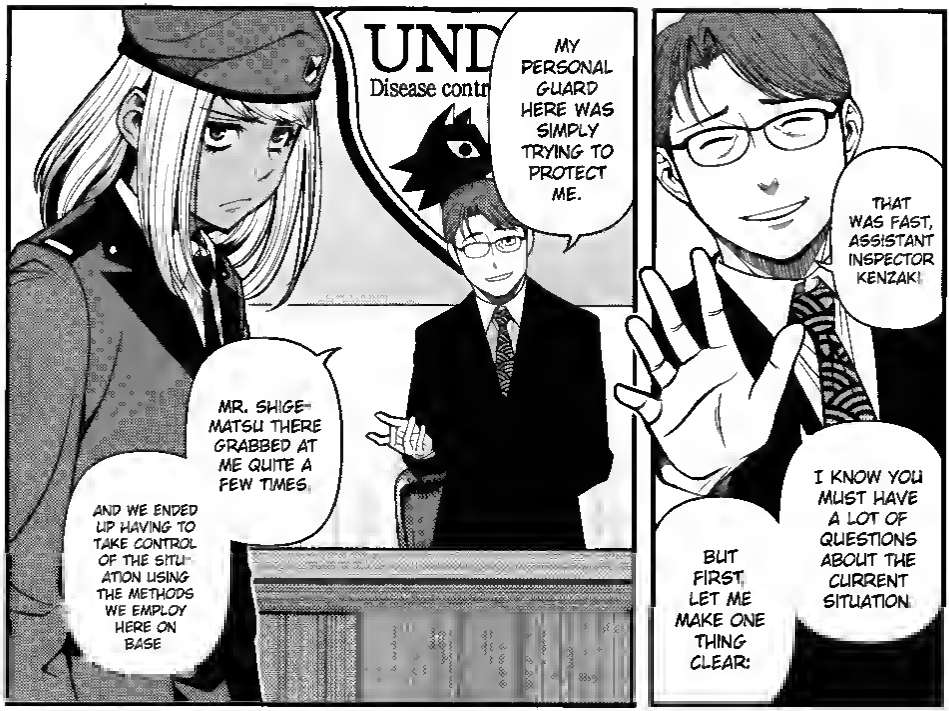
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MY PERSONAL GUARD HERE WAS SIMPLY TRYING TO PROTECT ME.
MR. SHIGEMATSU THERE GRABBED AT ME QUITE A FEW TIMES.
AND WE ENDED UP HAVING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION USING THE METHODS WE EMPLOY HERE ON BASE
THAT WAS FAST, ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KENZAKI.
I KNOW YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION.
BUT FIRST, LET ME MAKE ONE THING CLEAR:

GH... OH, HEY, WAKABAYASHI.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
AH, JEEZ, YOU'RE IN BAD SHAPE.

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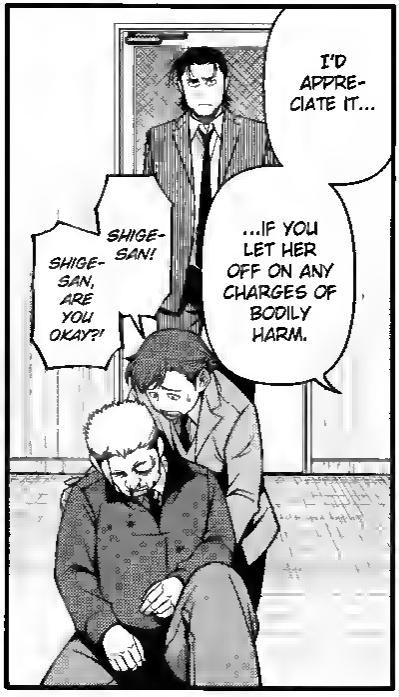
OKAY, BACK UP I GO.
ALRIGHT, MISTER CHIEF.
WHOA! SHIGE-SAN!


I'D APPRECIATE IT...
...IF YOU LET HER OFF ON ANY CHARGES OF BODILY HARM.
SHIGE-SAN!
SHIGE-SAN, ARE YOU OKAY?!

I'M GETTIN' TIRED OF TAKIN' PUNCHES.
SO QUIT BEATIN' AROUND THE BUSH AND TELL ME.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW.
JUST TELL ME HOW.
HOW MY DAUGHTER GOT IN-FECTED.
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WE CAN'T FIND ANY-ONE WHO COULD'VE INFECTED HER.
C'MON, JUST GIVE ME A HINT!
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MR. SHIGEMATSU, I'D LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND
THAT WE AT UNDO
CANNOT COMMENT ON YOUR DAUGHTER'S CASE.

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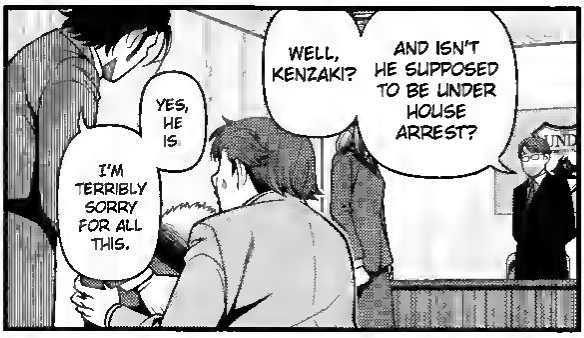
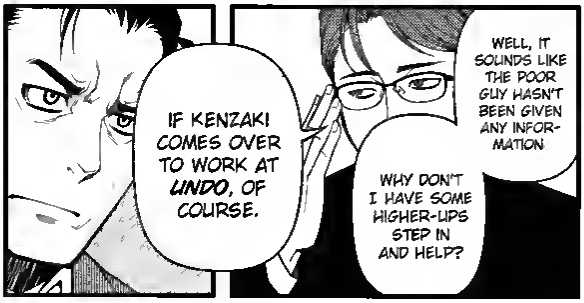
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON SOME INFORMATION YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
KENZAKI?! GOING OVER TO UNDO?!


WELL, KENZAKI?
AND ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER HOUSE ARREST?
YES, HE IS.
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR ALL THIS.


IF KENZAKI COMES OVER TO WORK AT UNDO, OF COURSE.
WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE THE POOR GUY HASN'T BEEN GIVEN ANY INFORMATION
WHY DON'T I HAVE SOME HIGHER-UPS STEP IN AND HELP?

SECTION CHIEF KANAI.
BUT I THOUGHT YOU HATED ME,
I'M THANKFUL FOR THE OFFER.
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BUT WORK IS ABOUT JOINING HANDS WITH THOSE YOU HATE.
YOU COULD EVEN SAY THAT I ABSOLUTELY LOATHE YOU!
EMOTIONS SHOULDN'T GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR WORK.
IT'S A BORING JOB, BUT IT'S GOOD WORK, KENZAKI!
OH I DO.
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I GET IT.
CHIEF...?
I'D RECOM-MEND YOU JOIN UNDO.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GO AFTER VECTORS,

THERE'S NO FUCKIN' WAY THE CHIEF'LL WORK FOR A GORILLA WHO'S COOL WITH BEATING THE SHIT OUT OF A MAN WHO JUST LOST HIS DAUGHTER,
AND A FOUR-EYED ASSHOLE WEARING A SHIT-EATING GRIN!
HE'D NEVER WORK FOR YOU MORONS!
OH, STOP FUCKING AROUND!

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UNDO
Disease control unit
DON'T.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDER-STANDING.
AND SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

SEEING AS YOUR RECRUIT'S DONE YOU IN,
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU LEAVE
WE'LL FORGET YOU EVER CAME BY HERE TODAY.

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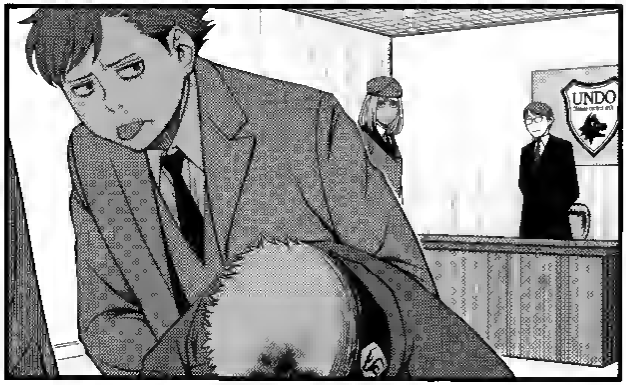
UNDO

NO!!
NO!!

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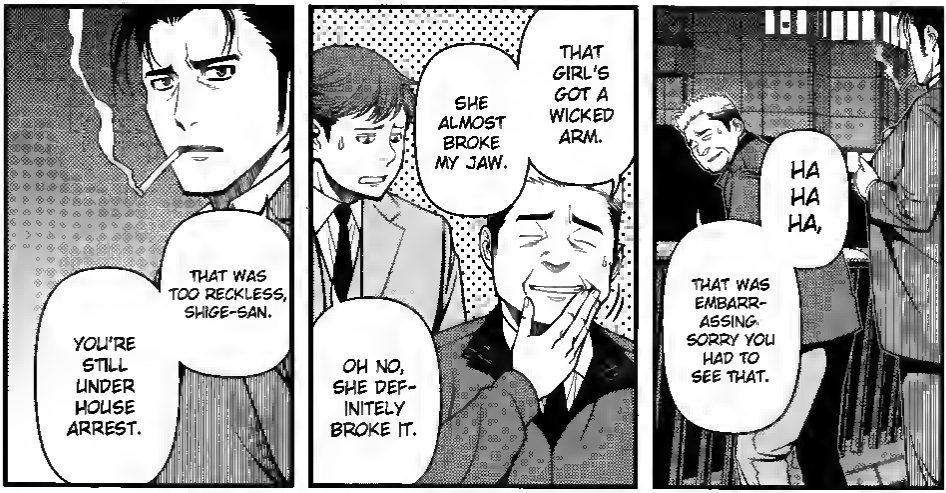
YOU'RE STILL UNDER HOUSE ARREST.
THAT WAS TOO RECKLESS, SHIGE-SAN.
OH NO, SHE DEF-INITELY BROKE IT.
SHE ALMOST BROKE MY JAW.
THAT GIRL'S GOT A WICKED ARM.
HA HA HA,
THAT WAS EMBARR-ASSING. SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THAT.

OUR INVESTIGATION ISN'T MAKIN' ANY PROGRESS!
WE THREW ALL OUR DETECTIVES AT IT AND HAVEN'T FOUND A THING!
ALL WE CAN DO IS ASK THAT FOUR-EYED BASTARD OF A CHIEF WHAT'S GOING ON!

IF THE HIGHER-UPS FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS, YOU'D BE FIRED!
HMPH!

I AIN'T SCARED OF THAT.
BUT FORGET ABOUT THAT, KENZAKI.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE. I HAD TO GO TO UNDO.

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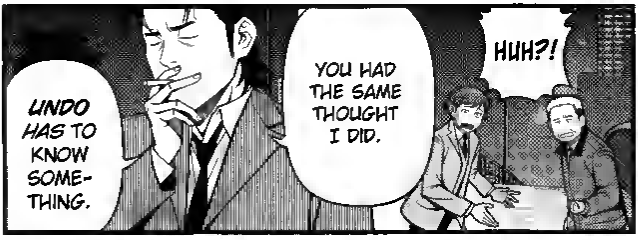
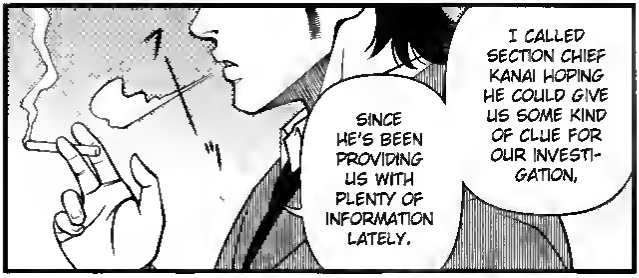
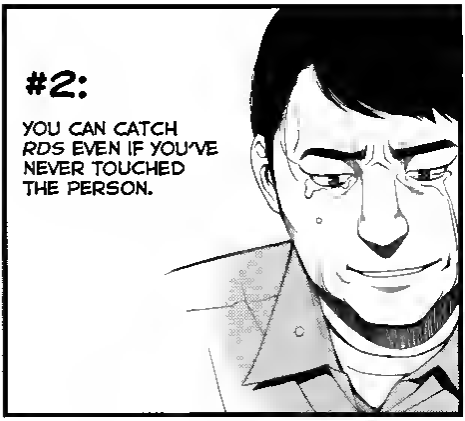

UNDO HAS TO KNOW SOMETHING.
YOU HAD THE SAME THOUGHT I DID.
HUH?!

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE ANGRY, SHIGE-SAN...
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING.


I CALLED SECTION CHIEF KANAI HOPING HE COULD GIVE US SOME KIND OF CLUE FOR OUR INVESTIGATION,
SINCE HE'S BEEN PROVIDING US WITH PLENTY OF INFORMATION LATELY.

THAT PIECE OF SHIT!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S DECIDED TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT ON THIS ONE.
UNDO'S SECRETS ARE SUCH A PAIN.
BUT HE GAVE ME NOTHING.
HE SHUT ME DOWN AND HUNG UP ON ME.
THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT...
...HOW RDS WAS TRANS-MITTED TO YOUR DAUGHTER.
COMPLAINING ABOUT IT WON'T FIX ANYTHING.
BUT THANKS TO WHAT JUST HAPPENED, WE KNOW SOMETHING NEW.
WELL, FIRST,
LET'S LIST ALL THE THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT IT SO FAR.
ALRIGHT, SURE,
SO HOW WAS SHE INFECTED?
IF IT WAS NORMAL, THEN KANAI WOULDN'T HAVE ANY-THING TO HIDE.


#2:
YOU CAN CATCH *RDS* EVEN IF YOU'VE NEVER TOUCHED THE PERSON.

#1:
YOU CATCH *RDS* IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH A VECTOR.

#4:
YOU CANNOT CATCH *RDS* IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN.

#3:
RDS IS NOT AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

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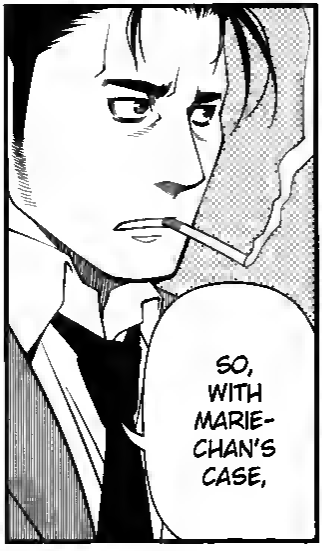
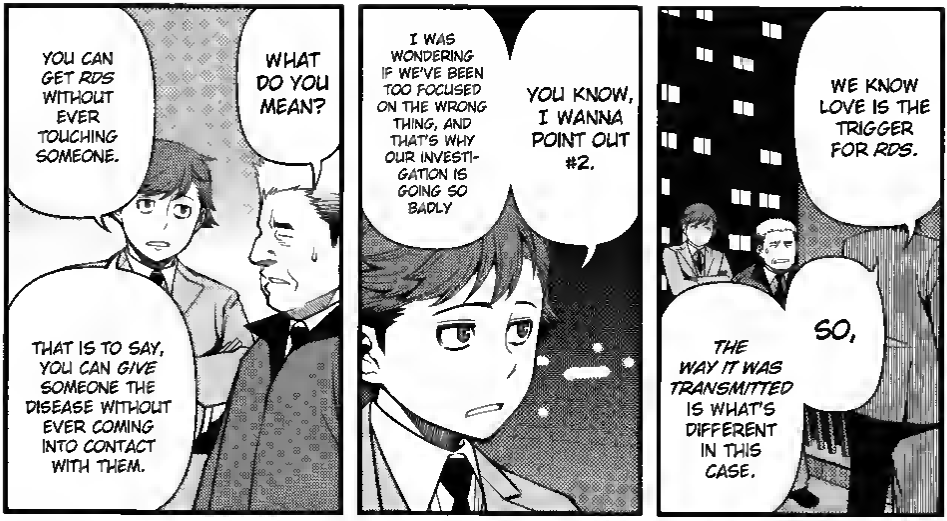
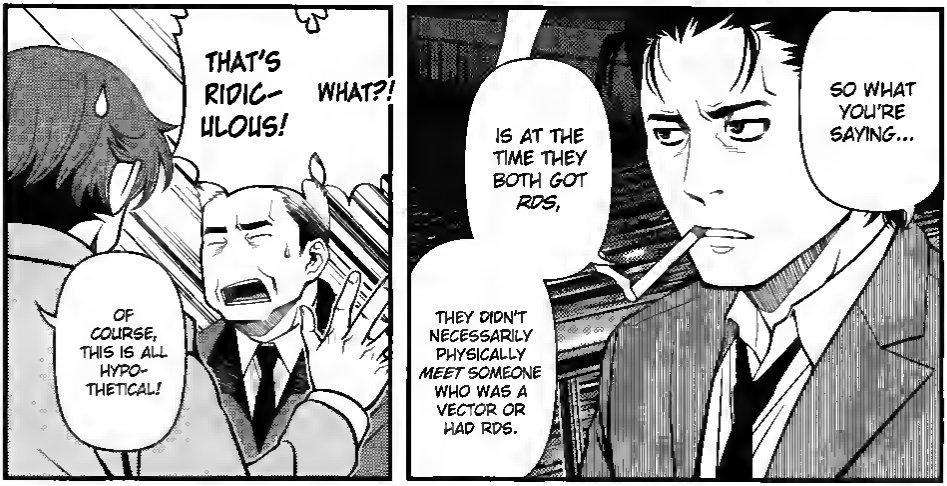

SO, WITH MARIE-CHAN'S CASE,

WELL,
IT'S ALL FACTS THAT ARE HARD TO *PROVE*.
HONESTLY, I STILL HAVE NO IDEA,
EVEN AFTER LISTING ALL OF THEM OFF.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU CAN GET RDS WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING SOMEONE.
THAT IS TO SAY, YOU CAN GIVE SOMEONE THE DISEASE WITHOUT EVER COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THEM.
YOU KNOW, I WANNA POINT OUT #2.
I WAS WONDERING IF WE'VE BEEN TOO FOCUSED ON THE WRONG THING, AND THAT'S WHY OUR INVESTIGATION IS GOING SO BADLY
WE KNOW LOVE IS THE TRIGGER FOR RDS.
SO,
THE WAY IT WAS TRANSMITTED IS WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN THIS CASE.


WHAT?!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
OF COURSE, THIS IS ALL HYPOTHETICAL!
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...
IS AT THE TIME THEY BOTH GOT RDS,
THEY DIDN'T NECESSARILY PHYSICALLY MEET SOMEONE WHO WAS A VECTOR OR HAD RDS.

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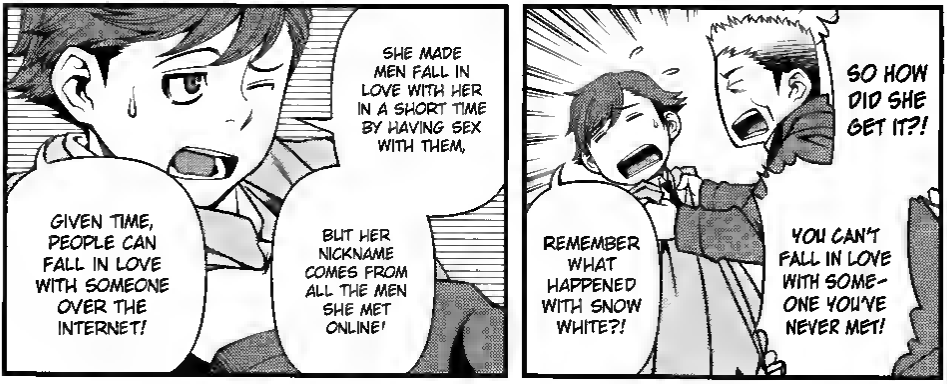
SHE MADE MEN FALL IN LOVE WITH HER IN A SHORT TIME BY HAVING SEX WITH THEM,
BUT HER NICKNAME COMES FROM ALL THE MEN SHE MET ONLINE!
GIVEN TIME, PEOPLE CAN FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE OVER THE INTERNET!
SO HOW DID SHE GET IT?!
YOU CAN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE YOU'VE NEVER MET!
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WITH SNOW WHITE?!

IT'S NOT JUST THE INTERNET
EXCHANGING LETTERS, TALKING OVER THE PHONE,
THERE ARE LOTS OF SITUATIONS WHERE SOMEONE COULD INDIRECTLY CONTRACT RDS.
STOP MESSING AROUND! MY DAUGHTER WASN'T SOME FLOOZY MEETING GUYS ON THE INTERNET!
I'M NOT DONE!
PLEASE CALM DOWN, SHIGE-SAN!
SO TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO INFECTED HER BY GOING THROUGH THE PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES...
...COULD BE VERY DIFFICULT.
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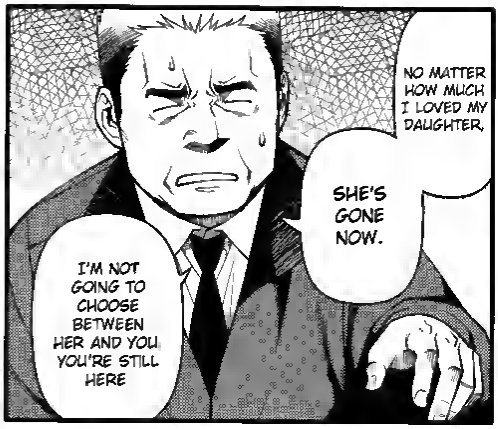
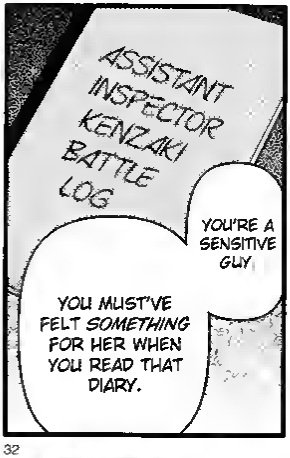
WAIT!
WAIT, CHIEF!
WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHY MARIE DIED...
NO...!
THAT MEANS WE'LL NEVER,

SO,
WE'VE GOT TO GET KAZAMA TO TALK.
IS THAT WHY YOU WANT TO TAKE RIN-CHAN OUT OF COLD STORAGE?!
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THAT, WAKABA-YASHI.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT INDIRECT RDS TRANSMISSION.
I ASKED KANAI ABOUT IT, BUT I KNEW HE DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ME.
WHAT?!
OH RIGHT.
THE CHIEF WANTS TO GET RIN-CHAN OUT OF HACHIOJI.
WELL, WE WOULD GET THE ANSWER RIGHT AWAY, BUT...
HEY, WAKABA-YASHI,
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
WE FINALLY CAUGHT HER! WHY'RE YOU GONNA SET HER FREE?!
SHE'S AN ESCAPE ARTIST!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, KENZAKI?!

DID YOU FORGET HOW MUCH SHIT THE ESCAPE ARTISTS PUT US THROUGH?!
FIRST OFF, UNDO'S NEVER GONNA LET US DO IT!
I KNOW IT'S RISKY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S RISKY?!
BUT HOW ELSE ARE WE GOING TO FIND OUT HOW MARIE-CHAN DIED?
WE'RE GETTING HER OUT, SHIGE-SAN. IT'S ALREADY DECIDED
WE'LL GET RIN KAZAMA OUT OF COLD STORAGE, I'LL FULFILL MY PART OF THE DEAL AND GET THE INTEL OUT OF HER
AND I'LL SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF RDS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
AND, KNOW-ING YOU,
YOU'RE JUST GONNA DRAG US ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS GUARDING THAT BASE! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET HER OUT!
PLEASE, KENZAKI.
THINK THIS OVER.



I WANT TO KNOW WHY MY DAUGHTER DIED.
I WANT TO CATCH THE BASTARD WHO DID THIS TO HER.
BUT GETTING KAZAMA OUT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.


ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KENZAKI BATTLE LOG
YOU'RE A SENSITIVE GUY.
YOU MUST'VE FELT *SOMETHING* FOR HER WHEN YOU READ THAT DIARY.

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